

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 15th January 2017

Summits On The Air

Phil ON4TA, who is a regular visitor to these shores and a keen SOTA activator has now added details of his 2016 activations in EI and GI to his web site. In July 2016, Phil was on summits in Wicklow, Donegal, Armagh and Tyrone, and you see can photos and descriptions his exploits on the hills at filip.rogister.eu

Phil is preparing a SOTA Ireland trip for the beginning of April and plans to activate some East Coast hills on 70cms, 23cms and 13cms. These locations offer good VHF / UHF take-off across the Irish Sea. He also intends spending a few days in Co. Donegal where, from the higher hills, the VHF/UHF path might be good to Northern Ireland and Western Scotland.

Cups and Trophies

With the AGM coming soon, the 2016 Cup and Trophy award holders are asked to return their awards as soon as possible, so that the Awards Curator Larry McGriskin EI9CN can prepare them for the new recipients at the AGM 2017 awards ceremony in Dundalk. Cups and Trophies can be returned to any IRTS Committee Member.

South Dublin Radio Club

Theory classes will return at the club starting 17th January and then weekly until May 2017 for those interested in obtaining an Amateur Radio licence.

Intended for the absolute beginner they will be exam focused. Those intending to attend should register their interest through the contact us section on the South Dublin Radio Club website or attend the January 10th meeting upstairs in Ballyroan Community Centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham South Dublin. Class notes will be shared by email, and those attending are asked to bring a notepad and pen.

The course material has been updated and improved based on feedback from last years course. The website for registering is www.southdublinradioclub.ie Classes and normal club meetings start at 8.30pm every Tuesday night.

Phoenix Rally

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place on Sunday 19th February in the Coolmine Community School, Grove Road, Blanchardstown. Doors open at 10am. In recent years, the Phoenix rally has been the only radio rally in the Dublin area, so it is always well attended. To book a table contact Tony at 087-243 9997.

Annual General Meeting, diary date

A date for your diary: the 85th Annual General Meeting of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society will be hosted by the Dundalk Amateur Radio Society over the weekend of 8/9 April 2017, in the Crowne Plaza, Green Park, Dundalk. More details in future news bulletins.

Radio Shacks of Ireland, Photo Competition

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society is running a competition for the best shack photo. All entries received will be entered into a Prize Draw for a handheld radio, and will be printed and displayed as a wall exhibition at the IRTS AGM. See www.ei7dar.com for full details of how to enter.

DX News

Dale N3BNA will be returning to Haiti from 13th to 25th January. He will use the callsign HH8/N3BNA and be active on the HF bands. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World and his QSL Manager is KA2AEV.

Three U.S. operators will sign VP2VAW from Tortola in the British Virgin Islands from 14th to 21st January. This is a holiday style operation and QSLs go directly to W4KZK.

Also in the Caribbean look for Pete ZF2PG from the Cayman Islands from 14th to 22nd January. In addition to his time on the radio he is looking forward to some diving and some golf. QSL via his home callsign K8PGJ.

Dave G1OCN and his XYL Carol 2E1DQZ will be using the callsigns VP8CLE and VP8DKW from the Falkland Islands during the second half of January. QSL directly to G1OCN.

The callsign OA0MP has been issued by the Peruvian authorities for use from the 'Machu Picchu' Antarctic Base on King George Island in the South Shetlands until 31st March. Two members of the scientific team will operate during their spare time on 20m and 40m SSB. QSL via OA4O.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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